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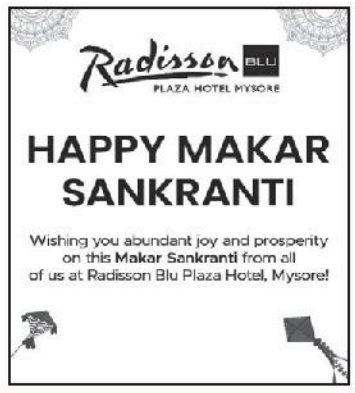
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HAPPY MAKAR SANKRANTI
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Echo of high-tension electric pole falling on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway

Damaged electric poles to be rectified by CESC

NHAI to pay Rs. 70 lakh to CESC; will handover maintenance of electric poles after repairs

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (Vinay Karekura, MTY & BCT)- Taking serious note of last Friday's accident at Ragimuddanahalli in Mandya where a high-tension electric pole fell on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, narrowly sparing a bike rider, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has reached out to the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) for collaboration in repairing and maintaining these vulnerable poles.

Under the proposed arrangement, NHAI will remit Rs. 70 lakh to CESC to facilitate the necessary repairs for poles that have been repeatedly targeted by metal thieves.

(See POLES on page 7)

8 online frauds; Rs. 53 lakh lost

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (KS)- In a sequence of separate incidents, 8 individuals have fallen prey to online fraud, collectively losing a substantial amount totalling Rs. 53,47,609 in the city.

In the first case, S. Karan, a 21-year-old student residing in J.T.K. Layout, Kuvempunagar, was enticed by online miscreants through Telegram App. They convinced him to invest Rs. 3.54 lakh with the promise of substantial profits, only to leave him cheated.

Moving on to the second case, Meghana S. Vashista, a 25-year-old engineer from Ramakrishnanagar 'K' Block, responded to a message on WhatsApp. She was assigned tasks involving liking and subscribing to YouTube channels. After completing the tasks, she fell victim to a scheme where she lost Rs. 4.05 lakh.

In the third case, N. Mahesh Yadav, a 38-year-old resident of Ramakrishnanagar 'E&F' Block, received a WhatsApp message offering work-from-home tasks requiring the provision of five-star ratings to websites. Falling for the scheme, he invested Rs. 2,000 initially and later lost a total of Rs. 33,40,000 in phased transfers to fraudsters.

The fourth case involves Jyothi J. Hommaradi, a 21-year-old student from J.P. Nagar, who was lured by fraudsters with promises of substantial profits for completing tasks. Starting with an investment of Rs. 100, she ended up depositing Rs. 2,50,000, ultimately becoming a victim of deception.

H.L. Bhanumathi, a 43-year-old resident of Lakshmipuram, is the victim in the fifth case. She was targeted by online fraudsters promising significant profits for subscribing to top YouTube channels, resulting in a loss of Rs. 2.28 lakh.

(See FRAUDS on page 7)

Crowds throng markets for Sankranti shopping

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (SBD,MTY & KS)- As Makara Sankranti, the first major festival of the New Year, approaches for celebration tomorrow, Jan. 15, people are enthusiastically flocking to various shops across the city to purchase essential items for the occasion. The festival, dedicated to the Sun God (Surya), is traditionally celebrated on Jan. 14, but this year it will be observed on Jan. 15 due to the leap year.

Sugarcane stalks, fruits, vegetables, flowers and the indispensable *yellu-bella* (a mixture of jaggery, copra, roasted gram and peanuts) are among the items in high demand.

This morning, bustling crowds were observed at shops around Devaraja Market, Agrahara Circle, Dhanvantri Road and city extensions, where people were keen on buying packets of *yellu-bella*, sugarcane stalks, puja articles, clothes and other festive items.

(See MARKETS on page 7)

Holiday

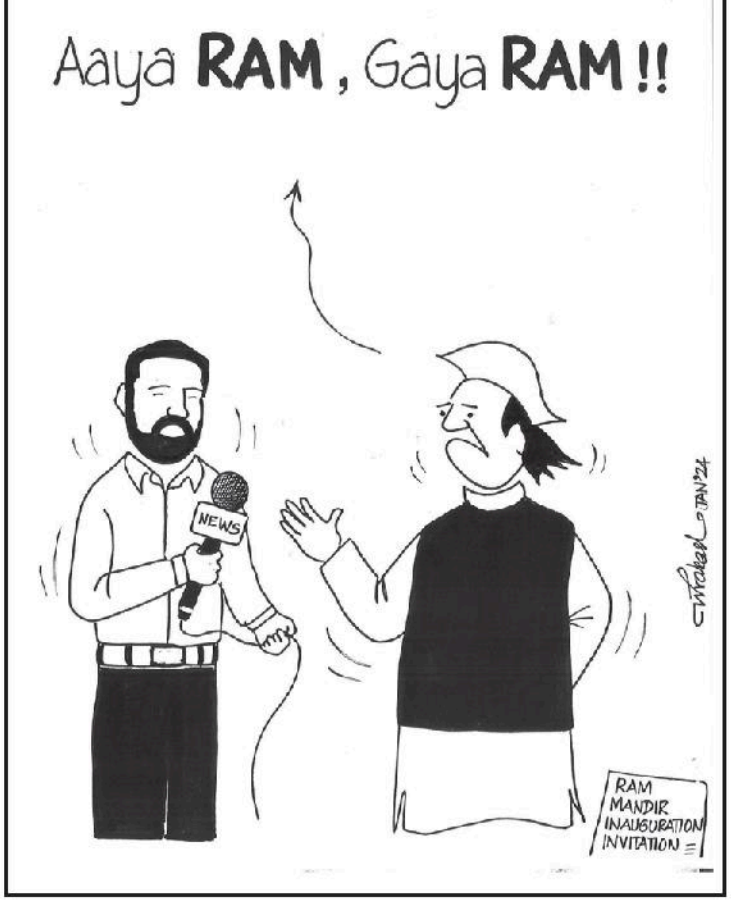
*Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of **Makara Sankranti.** Hence, there will be no issue of **Star of Mysore** dated 15.1.2024.*

Greetings

STAR OF MYSORE *wishes a happy & prosperous Makara Sankranti to all its readers, subscribers, advertisers, patrons, agents and delivery boys.* **—Management**

TEASER

By N. Prakash



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 14th January 2024

Valedictory of Inter-Kodava Assn. Tennis Ball Cricket

Mysuru, Jan. 14- The valedictory of Kannambira N. Girish Kushalappa Memorial Inter-Kodava Association Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament for Mysuru Kodavas and Veterans Cricket Match has been organised at University Hostel Ground in Manasagangothri here at 3.30 pm on Jan. 15, under the aegis of Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, Mysuru.

Palandira K. Somanna, President, Sri Bhagavathi Kodava Souhardha Sahakari Niyamitha Sangha, Mysuru, will be the chief guest.

Ponjanda A. Ganapathy, President, Kodava Samaja, Mysuru and Kannambira Neeta Kushalappa (wife of late Kannambira N. Girish Kushalappa), sponsor of Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament, will be the guests of honour. Kuttimada D. Muthappa, President, Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, Mysuru, will preside.

Earlier at 2 pm, an Exhibition Cricket Match by veterans (sponsored by Mrs. & Mr. Palandira K. Somanna) will be held at the same venue, according to a press release.

Grand Violin Duet Concert on Jan. 16

Vid. Kumaresh & Vid. Ganesh Vid. Jayachandra Vid. Sundar Kumar

Mysuru, Jan. 14- SPVGMC Trust, Mysuru, has organised a Grand Violin Duet Concert by Vid. Ganesh and Vid. Kumaresh at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar here on Jan. 16 at 6 pm.

They will be accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Sundar Kumar on kanjira.

For details, contact SPVGMC Trust Secretary C.R. Himamshu on Mob: 98455-01178.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Civic sense refers to one's ability to abide by social norms of good behaviour. It involves showing respect to others and observing decency and decorum in our dealings. Civic sense makes a person a responsible citizen. In fact, it is the very foundation of democratic community life. Civic sense demands that we be polite in our speech and considerate of the elderly, women, children and the disabled. Maintaining lane discipline while driving and joining a queue to wait for one's turn are all matters of civic sense.

A country's social ambience and beauty depend largely on the civic sense of its people. The more cultured and socially sensitive the citizenry is, the better the overall well-being of those who live there. In this digital age, civic sense is not complete without discussing how people should behave when handling social media.

What's netiquette? Netiquette comes from the words network and etiquette, which mean a set of rules for acceptable online behaviour. Offensive behaviour is displayed by people with a twisted bent of mind. They take delight in spreading a canard about others or by resorting to despicable acts like morphing, deep-fakes, etc. Such antisocial elements must be brought to book and given stringent punishments.

Wicked minds find the digital world a fertile ground to give vent to their obnoxious thoughts. Perhaps they consider themselves 'smart,' but the fact is that they constitute the 'scum' of an otherwise cultured society. A clean and healthy world is the birthright of every child. Adults have a duty to provide a clean environment for every child.

—Mathew C. Ninan in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

3D tattoos make viewers feel blurry vision

Portland: Artist Winston the Whale creates simple yet impressive 3D tattoos that make viewers feel like they are experiencing blurry vision.

Winston the Whale started making his signature 3D tattoos after a friend asked him if he could make a three-dimensional design for him. It ended up better than he'd hoped, so he kept making them. To be clear, the artist's artworks aren't really 3D, they just have that nostalgic red-and-blue colour scheme and overlapping pattern that tricks the viewers' eyes into thinking they are seeing double. Even though trippy, colourful tattoos are now his bread and butter, 3D tattoos still have a special place in Winston's heart.

Woman sues country for blood transfusion

Barcelona: A woman has taken the country of Spain to the European Court of Human Rights for administering her a blood transfusion during surgery against her will.

Rosa Edelmira Pindo Mulla, an Ecuadorian woman living in Spain, claims to be a victim of "medical paternalism", due to her nationality and religion. In 2017, following a series of medical examinations, the 53-year-old woman was advised to undergo surgery. In 2018, before the procedure, Pindo Mulla was presented with three documents to fill out – an advance directive, a long-term power of attorney, and an informed consent form. She claims to have specifically mentioned in all three that she was a Jehova's Witness and that she refused to receive any kind of blood transfusion, even at the cost of her own life. After suffering a life-threatening haemorrhage during surgery, she received a blood transfusion, and she has been seeking justice ever since...

HEALTH CAPSULE

Individuals who have had kidney stones are at an increased risk of developing them again. Prevention strategies are often recommended to reduce the likelihood of recurrence.

By Dr. Thimmaiah K A - Consultant - Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals
LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Applications invited under 'Yuva Spandana' Scheme

Mysuru, Jan. 14- The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), Mysuru, in association with the Centre for Public Health, Department of Epidemiology, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, has invited applications from youth motivators and youth counsellors for getting trained under 'Yuva Spandana' Scheme.

The applicants must at least be Graduates in any stream and be in the age group of 21 to 35 years. The applicants must speak fluent Kannada (local language) and willing to work with interest and enthusiasm within the community. As the work also involves intense travel within Mysuru district, preference will be given to candidates who are permanent residents of the same taluk where they are assigned for work.

The application form can be obtained either in person or by post from the DYES, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Nazarbad.

The last date for submission of filled-in application forms is Jan. 19.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2564179 or Mob: 85489-85639.

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Yesterday's level **95.16 feet**	Thursday's level **2,273.33 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,831.44 feet**
Today's Inflow **914 cusecs**	Friday's Inflow **427 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **142 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,821 cusecs**	Friday's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***A hippopotamus can run faster than a man.***
- ***A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.***
- ***Most insects hatch from eggs.***
- ***An ostrich's eye is bigger than its whole brain.***
- ***A dog's hearing is 10 times better than a human's.***
- ***Dogs can smell 1,00,000 times better than humans.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Son: *Why do they call our language the mother tongue?*
Father: *Because father seldom gets a chance to use it.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.87
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.63
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.56
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.87

VOICE OF THE READER

Check rampant use of mobile phones while riding

Sir,

This is to bring to the notice of the Traffic Police authorities concerned about the rampant ongoing menace of using mobile phones while riding two-wheelers in and around the city.

Despite highlighting this issue multiple times by many concerned citizens, we are yet to see any concrete steps taken in this regard by the Police Department.

I can see almost one in three or 4 two-wheeler riders either bent to one side over his shoulder or balancing his/her bike with one hand and keeping the mobile device to the ear using the other.

Most of the times these riders meander sideways on any direction on the road unable to keep concentration of lane discipline or speed. This in turn risks and sometimes snuffs out their own lives and also lives of innocent law-abiding passers-by.

I would like to give a few suggestions in this regard which, if implemented by the Police Department, may result in some reduction of this menace:

1. Make usage of mobile phones a serious offence similar to drunken driving and impose hefty fines even for first offence. Also make faulty/ missing number plates a criminal offence.

2. Install more number of 'working' CCTV cameras in not only CBD (Central Business District) areas but also in busy residential areas where this menace is rampant.

3. Conduct thorough and regular checks and drives by qualified Police personnel for using mobile phones while driving and missing/ faulty number plates.

4. Rely more on technology and maintain existing CCTV cameras to catch culprits and issue them notices promptly.

5. Deploy Police patrol vehicles in areas where this offence is rampant for on-the-spot identification and fine. Vehicles with mounted HD cameras may come handy here.

6. Create awareness about the hazards and risks of this offence and also about the punishment.

7. Deploy a few common people as volunteers with body-worn cameras to record the offences while they move about and notify the Police Department.

I hope the Mysuru Police Commissionerate will take note of the above suggestions and work on the solutions to rein in this menace so that our people will be more safe.

—Dr. Suhail Azam Khan
on e-mail
N.R. Mohalla
11.1.2024

Selected for National Cricket Tournament

Mysuru, Jan. 14- R. Nischal, a student of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala, Mysuru, has been selected to represent Karnataka in the National Cricket Tournament to take place in Bihar's Patna from Jan. 16.

Son of newspaper distributor and BJP leader Ramesh, Nischal was felicitated at the residence of veteran writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) on Friday as part of National Youth Day marking the 161st birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

Writer Dr. CPK, Mysuru District Vokkaligara Sangha Director A. Ravi, Nammuru Nammoru Samaja Seva Trust President Beedanahalli Satish Gowda and BJP leader Kumar Gowda were present on the occasion.

Gouri Satya's book 'Gouriya Nantu E Manetanakke' released

Nadoja Prof. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry, flanked by Noted scholar Dr. N.S. Taranath** (extreme left) **and Gouri Satya, releasing the book 'Gouriya Nantu E Manetanakke' at IEI in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (GA&BS)- A book titled 'Gouriya Nantu E Manetanakke' in Kannada, authored by senior journalist Gouri Satya, was released by *Nadoja* Prof. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry and noted scholar Dr. N.S. Taranath at S.P. Bhat Hall of Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road in the city on Saturday.

Sharing his views on the book, Dr. Taranath said, "Gouri Satya has narrated the association between his family and Mysore Palace (royal family) centring around Gouri festival, which was little known to others, in a intriguing manner. The book comprises 13 chapters and the first six of the chapters are dedicated to the topic of the book, especially about how Urs community celebrates the festival. Prior to Gouri Puja, Bale Malara Puja will be conducted and the rituals are followed, which are all narrated with details in this book."

Idol of Gouri was consecrated at the house of the author, from where it was being taken out in a procession to the Palace, which was also a grandiose event of those times akin to Dasara procession. The author remains faithful to the topic with substantiating evidences about his family's several decades long role in conducting Gouri festival. If one pores over the contents of the book, no wonder if they have a feeling of watching a documentary, lauded Dr. Taranath.

"During 1930, the then king Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar had gone on a foreign tour, during the time of which Gouri festival was celebrated at Bangalore Palace. A letter of Archives Department holds credence to this fact. While in the year 1936, the festival was celebrated at all the wings of the Palace, which also has been succinctly narrated by the author. As one is deeply engrossed in reading this book, they may also see a researcher in the author," said Dr. Taranath.

In the first half of the book, the author provides information about Gouri festival, the later half is about his family's history, digging deep into his family roots. By humbly remembering the ancestors, the author has documented all with clarity.

Gouri Satya's father G.L. Swamy was the Founder of 'Samachar,' a first of its kind English Daily of Mysore, which was in circulation for 50 long years. Earlier to this, he was running 'Mysore Municipal Journal' on the lines of 'Calcutta Municipal Journal', with the coverage of news related to Municipality meetings every month. It was priced at one anna. Swamy also holds the credit of starting tourism-related activities not just in Mysore but across Karnataka. His elder brother Ramakrishna was the Director of Tourism Department in New Delhi. It was during the same time, he (Swamy) had started 'Tourist Service Bureau' and 'Tourist Bureau' at the first floor of Lansdowne building. After World War, taluk handbooks were brought out to take British soldiers on tour to different taluks in 1944. He also introduced 'Tourist Guide' which drew the attention of Dr. Sir M. Visvesvaraya and Mirza Ismail, who lauded the efforts behind and issued a free train pass to Swamy, to travel around Mysore province to collect the information.

Prof. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry, who also spoke, said: "When I started to write about Mulukanadu community, I had contacted several persons to glean information. I explored the new world by reading autobiographies, life story and also through interaction and contacts. I also understood that, whatever we are today, it is all due to the achievements and efforts of our ancestors, without whom we wouldn't have existed."

"It was at the insistence of Prof. Venkatachala Sastry and Dr. Taranath that I could trace my family history," said author Gouri Satya. "To be frank, I was not aware of even my grandfather's name, about which I learnt when I started to dig deep into the information and many helped in this course. I had documented them all in writing and was able to collect information related to my father's family. But I didn't have any information about my mother's family. As I started, my maternal uncle was kind enough to provide whatever records he had in his possession. Using those records, I was able to write about my mother. The research spanned 25 years. I wrote this book on the basis of 'Mulukanadu Brahmanaru' authored by Prof. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry and have the utmost satisfaction about the book hitting the stands," he added.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Mahayogi Vemana Jayanti

The District Administration will be celebrating Mahayogi Vemana Jayanti on Jan. 19 and Ambigara Chowdaiah Jayanti on Jan. 21 in city, according to a press release.

Co-operative Society office shifted

The office of Pragathi Sahakara Sangha Niyamitha, a Co-operative Society which was hitherto functioning from No. 56, EWS, HUDCO House, Sewage Farm Road, Vidyaranyapuram in the city, has been shifted to No. 2921/1, 1st Main, 7th cross, Near CESC Office, Behind H.P. Petrol Bunk, Chamundipuram, Mysuru-8, with effect from Jan. 18, according to a press release. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2954138 or Mob: 94820-49571.

30-day Yoga Camp from Jan. 22

Marking the inauguration of Ayodhya Ram Mandir, the city's Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya will be organising a 30-day Yogasana, Pranayama and Pyramid Meditation camp and intervision camp for overall development of students at its premises in E&F Block, Ramakrishnanagar, from Jan. 22 to Feb. 21. The classes, of one hour duration will be held from 6.30 am to 7.30 am, 11 am to 12 noon, 4 pm to 5 pm, 5 pm to 6 pm and 6 pm to 7 pm. The camp is open for men, women and students. For registration contact Mob: 90355-06790 or 95915-10101.

Ph.D awardees

K.J. Hemanth Kumar, has been awarded Ph.D in Faculty of Mechanical Engineering Sciences by the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, for his thesis 'A Study on Technical and Economic Aspects of Biogas and Briquette Production from Sugarcane Waste' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda.

H. Nayana has been awarded Ph.D in Faculty of Applied Sicences (Library Science) by the VTU, Belagavi, for her thesis 'User Education Practices in Engineering Colleges of Karnataka: A Study,' submitted under the guidance of Dr. T.A. Mohan.

KRRS to take out tractor rally at district centres on Jan. 26

KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra addressing the meeting of farmers in Mysuru on Friday.

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (MTY&BS)- Condemning what they call 'anti-farmer stand of the Central Government' and urging for fulfilment of various demands of the farmers, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) has decided to take out a tractor rally at all the district centres in the State including Bengaluru on Jan. 26, the Republic Day.

KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra made the announcement during the press meet, after chairing a meeting of farmers at the auditorium of Horticulture Department at Curzon Park in the city on Friday.

"The Centre has already withdrawn three Farm Laws that were believed to have been fatal for farmers, but has hatched a plot to impinge the same laws on farmers indirectly. The discussions made on these lines at G20 meeting lays bare the facts," alleged Nagendra.

An inevitable situation has aroused where farmers have to hit the streets for protest again condemning the anti-farmer laws of the Government. In this wake, the Centre should drop any move to indirectly enforce the decisions considered as a threat to agrarian community and fix scientific prices for farm produces. If not scientific price, the Minimum Support Price (MSP) should be announced at least, he demanded.

The Centre had assured to withdraw cases booked against farmers who took part in the movement at New Delhi, which should be done at the earliest. Over 700 farmers laid down their lives during the movement and the Centre that had promised to provide land to build Martyr's Memorial is yet to keep its word, rued Nagendra.

The Centre has failed to address the issues bothering farmers and the people and to divert people's attention, top BJP leaders are looking at winning Lok Sabha polls with the inauguration of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya on Jan. 22.

Nagendra said "The birth anniversary celebration of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha Founder Prof. M.D. Nanjunda Swamy has been organised on Feb. 10 at Freedom Park in Bengaluru. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is also invited for the programme, during which several demands will be made to the Government."

KRRS Office-bearers Hosur Kumar, Hosakote Basavaraj, Ravikumar Punacha, Krishnappa, Manjunath, Aditya, Sunny D'Souza, Premkumar and others were present.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra concludes in Mysuru district

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (TRR)- Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, which is being organised across the country to create awareness about various pro-people programmes of the Central Government, has successfully completed its journey in Mysuru district.

During the Yatra, which is being undertaken to ensure no one is deprived of the benefits under the various programmes, awareness was created about the pro-people programmes among the citizens through door-to-door campaign. The Yatra was inaugurated in Mysuru, on Nov. 15. 2023 by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot. Since then, it moved through the areas of tribal population organising more programmes for creating awareness.

Disseminating information about the benefits given to the citizens under the various ministries of the Central Government like agriculture, health and family welfare, sports and youth empowerment, women and child welfare, finance and tribals and others. Free Health camps were conducted in tribal areas which are susceptible to the Sickle disease. In addition, information was shared about 17 facilities being given for rural citizens like Kisan Credit Card, Pradhan Mantri (PM) Kisan Samman, PM-Vishwakarma, Har Ghar Jaljeevan Mission, Nano fertiliser, PM-Awaas Yojana (Rural) and others.

Covering two Gram Panchayats daily, the Yatra passed through a total of 256 GPs in the district.

Union Minister Meenakshi Lekhi, MP Pratap Simmha, MLA T.S. Srivatsa and top officials participated in the Yatra.

Awareness created in city

Awareness about the welfare programmes implemented for the welfare of Urban residents like PM Svanidhi, PM-Mudra, Start up India, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Digital Payments Infrastructure, Khelo India, Udaan, Vande Bharat train and others.

Mysuru Lead Bank Manager V.N. Nagesh explained about various programmes offered by the Central Government through Bank like Jeevan Jyoti and Sandhya Suraksha Insurance Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Jan-Dhan Yojana and said that they have helped people to lead a better life.

A vehicle fitted with a LED screen moved around screening the message of PM Narendra Modi. The counters were opened for the registration of beneficiaries under Ujjwala scheme, Ayushman Bharat and for Aadhaar cards.

Old MCC Zone-1 Office demolished, park to come up in its place

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (SBD&TRR)- The building of the MCC Zone-1 Office near Agrahara has been demolished on Tuesday and a park will come up in the land where the building stood.

A building to be used as a library was built in 1994 in the place that was meant for park, at Thyagaraja 5th cross coming under MCC Ward No. 51. But the library never opened. Later, the building was extended and the MCC Zone - 1 Office began to function since then. As days passed by, play equipment such as see-saw, swing etc. provided for children in the proposed park started disappearing and the place resembled a deserted field. Though the citizens protested against the stealing of sporting equipment, it was of no use.

As Zone-1 Office was shifted to a new building with all modern facilities at 5th cross on Uttaradi Mutt Road built at a cost of Rs. 3.5 crore, the old building was lying vacant. Now, thanks to the initiative of former Corporator B.V. Manjunath, the old building is demolished and a new park will come up on 30 guntas.

Already iron grill has been installed at a cost of Rs. 40 lakh and an open gym will come up in the place where the old building existed. A beautiful garden with walking path will transform the area and the contractor has been instructed to expedite the project.

Former Corporator B.V. Manjunath has expressed happiness about with the ongoing works of the park and said that the long pending wish of the locals for a park will soon become a reality.

16th century *Mantra-Tantra* stone found at Machalaghatta

Senior Research Fellow of CESCK Dr. C.A. Shashidhara, Dr. R. Mariswamy, Hoysalakumar, Sagar and locals are seen with 16th century inscription stone with "MANTRA-TANTRA."

Mysuru, Jan. 14- A team of researchers unearthed 16th century inscription stone with "MANTRA-TANTRA" at Machalaghatta in Nagamangala taluk, Mandya district recently.

It is a small hamlet, where stands Malleshwara Temple of Hoysala period and on the eastern side of the temple was found this half-hidden inscription. The research was conducted after obtaining permission from Dr. Shailendra Mohan, Director of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru.

The research was carried out under the able guidance of Dr. C.A. Shashidhara, a Senior Research Fellow of Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) along with Dr. R. Mariswamy.

Nature of Mantra Inscribed Stone

On the top of Mantra stone, there is a drawing of a deity, while the bottom has drawings of Vastumandalas. On the bottom square 5x4 houses (total 20 houses) there are Beeja Mantras like 'Om' and 'Hreem'. It is noticed that the letters are in 16th and 17th century "Kannada Modi script". Trishulas symbolising *Rajoguna, Thamoguna and Sattvaguna* are carved around it.

On the top of the stone there are drawings of Sun and Moon, indicating that the Sun will last as long as the Moon exists. "Urandakam" is written in 'Tamil script' at the bottom of the square houses with Beejaksharas.

To conduct this kind of research-oriented field work Dr. Pankaj Dvivedi, Assistant Director (Administration) and Dr. L.R. Premkumar, Head of Classical Language, CIIL, gave the administrative permission.

Tholkapian, Hoysalakumar and Sagar of CIIL and Shashikumar lent technical support for conducting field study and also for taking Estampage of the inscription. Apart from this, the locals named Ashoka, Prashanth, Divakara, Siddaraju and Kulla Marigowda co-operated in conducting the research.

"The letters on the mantra-tantra stone found in Machalaghatta village are unique. It is a mantra stone with Modi script. In the past existed a practice of writing in Modi Script, besides the vernacular of common people. But it is special since such script is not found in the usual mantra stones. Such research studies have not been carried out in a proper manner earlier. The Centre should give more priority to these researches in the future."

— Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, Senior Archaeologist

"In earlier times, this kind of mantra stone was planted and worshipped at the entrances of the village with the intention that no evil spirit would affect their villages. In the past, epidemic diseases like cholera, small-pox and plague were claiming lives. Hence, a practice of installing this kind of mantra stone at the village entrances so that such infectious diseases do not affect the people and cattle. There was also this practice, where the enemies used to cast a spell on the entire town. With the intention of protecting village from such evil spirits, the villagers used to write such Beejaksharas using Mantra and Tantra."

—Dr. C.A. Shashidhara, Senior Researcher, CESCK

"The fear, apprehension and belief in Gods that existed in the minds of our forefathers can be understood through such unique ancient remains. This mantra stone is worshipped by locals with devotion even today and hence these kinds of ruins have remained."

— Prof. Nilagiri M. Talwar, Project Director, CESCK

"The script found on the stone is a 16th and 17th century "Kannada script". As there is a trident around the squares, it is a mantra stone belonging to Shaivite sect. "Urandakam" is written on this mantra stone in 'Tamil script', which may be the name of the sculptor who carved it or the name of the priest."

—Dr. Sangamesh Kalyani, Modi Script expert

Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa visits Ayodhya Ram Temple

Mysuru-based writer and** Padma Bhushan **awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa posing with former Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Chairman Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta at Sri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (SPN&BCT)- Mysuru-based writer and *Padma Bhushan* awardee, Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa and former Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Chairman Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta visited Sri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya yesterday.

Dr. Bhyrappa and Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta were in Lucknow to attend a seminar hosted by Rajbhasha Karyanvayan Samiti and the Reserve Bank of India Lucknow unit at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan auditorium last Friday.

At the seminar, a session was organised as part of 'one nation many languages' and the 'glimpses of North India in Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's literary works'. After the seminar, Dr. Bhyrappa and Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta visited the Ram Temple that will be consecrated on Jan. 22 and had the *darshan* of Sri Ram Lalla.

They also witnessed the hectic preparations going on for the mega event. It may be recalled here that before the temple visit, Dr. Bhyrappa and Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta had called on Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow.

State-level Men's Hockey Tournament from Jan. 18 in city

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (MTY&KS)- A State- level Men's Hockey Tournament, organised by Hockey Mysore, affiliated to Hockey Karnataka, will be held from Jan. 18 to 21 at The Mysore University Hockey Grounds in city, said Hockey Mysore Treasurer Ponnappa.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here Friday, Ponnappa said that the tournament will be held in League and Knock Out format. A total of 12 teams including Customs, AGORC, MEG Boys, SAI Bengaluru, DICE Bengaluru, South Western Railways, Hockey Ballari, Dharwad, Hassan, Gadag, Belgaum and Mysuru will take part. Continuing, Ponnappa said that four groups comprising three teams in one group has been formed and two teams from each group will be considered for the quarter finals, besides stating that, necessary preparations have been made for the success of the tournament.

The tournament will be inaugurated by former MLA L. Nagendra at 10 am on Jan. 18. University of Mysore Physical Education Department Deputy Director Dr. C. Venkatesh, former Mayor Shivakumar, former Corporator M.U. Subbaiah and Indian Oil Corporation Divisional Marketing Head Sunil Kumar Mishra will be the chief guests. Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa will preside.

The winning team will be presented with Rs. 2 lakh cash prize, runners up team will be awarded Rs. 1.50 lakh, third place winning team will receive Rs. 1 lakh and the fourth place winner will be given Rs. 50,000 cash prize.

Hockey Mysore President K.B. Dilip, Secretary C.T. Satish and Member Girish were present at the press meet.

Chamundi Hill grapples with mounting waste crisis

Escalating problem at a place of worship ignored by Gram Panchayat, say environment activists

Mysuru, Jan. 14- The authorities maintaining Chamundi Hill appear to be grappling with an uphill battle against the uncontrollable waste crisis plaguing the place of worship, a prominent centre for religious tourism in the city.

Plastic waste, in particular, has accumulated across the Hilltop, forcing visitors to uncomfortably close their nostrils to escape the unpleasant odour emanating from the discarded refuse.

Upon arrival at the Hill shrine, tourists are met with various types of litter scattered around, showcasing a blatant disregard for the environment. Both the Chamundi Hill Gram Panchayat and the Forest Department (in areas that come under its jurisdiction) seem uncommitted to addressing this long-standing issue, leaving the authorities seemingly indifferent to the problem.

Environmentalists express their frustration at the authorities' inaction, emphasising the urgency of tackling the waste menace. For example, vendors at the Hilltop sell a considerable number of tender coconuts, reaching up to 1,000 units per day. The discarded coconut shells are left strewn at the parking lot on the Hill.

Temple management takes the load

Despite the lack of initiative from the Gram Panchayat, the Chamundeshwari Temple management authorities have taken it upon themselves to clear the discarded coconut shells, striving to maintain a clean and tidy environment. However, vendors continue to dump coconut shells at the same location, highlighting the persistent nature of the problem.

The issue extends beyond the immediate vicinity of the Temple, as three connecting roads from the Nandi Statue side, Uttanahalli and Devikere are also grappling with the waste menace, indicating a broader problem that demands urgent attention.

Forest Department penalties

On Sept. 1, 2023, the Forest Department initiated a campaign to transform Chamundi Hill into a plastic-free zone. Shopkeepers were explicitly warned of penalties for selling plastic carry bags, with fines set at Rs. 1,000 for the first offence, Rs. 5,000 for the second offence and Rs. 10,000 for the third offence.

The Department went further, threatening to suspend trade licences and seal shops if shopkeepers failed to comply with the directive. An awareness drive was conducted from Sept. 1 to 5, 2023, during which zero fine receipts were issued to offenders, accompanied by warnings of impending penalties.

This initiative gained significant media attention, and as a result, visitors and tourists refrained from bringing plastic carry bags to the Hill. However, the recent discovery of plastic within waste heaps on the Hill has sparked criticism, with some mocking the Forest Department for not specifying actions against plastic waste in its announcements.

In addition to plastic, liquor bottles are strewn across the Hill and used food plates litter the area around Devikere, a lake whose water is still utilised by priests for religious rituals at the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple on the Hill.

Of grave concern is the presence of stray cattle feeding on plastic, highlighting a distressing lack of commitment from authorities to address a situation that reflects a negligent attitude among officials. The urgency to address these environmental issues remains paramount.

Gram Panchayat must clean waste, prevent dumping, says RFO

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (MTY&BCT)- The Forest Department has washed its hands off the Chamundi Hill plastic and waste menace and said that the Department has no jurisdiction over the concrete areas of the Hill and it is the responsibility of the Chamundi Hill Gram Panchayat to clean the areas.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Chamundi Hill Range Forest Officer (RFO) Dhanyashree said that cleaning waste and preventing the Hill from being a dump yard is the responsibility of the Gram Panchayat. "We only penalise and take action against those who illegally enter the forest areas of the Hill. We also take action against people who unnecessarily park their vehicles on the road from the Chamundi foothill to the top in the wooded areas," she said.

Dhanyashree

When asked about the plastic-free zone campaign initiated by the Forest Department in September 2023, the RFO said that the Gram Panchayat must have taken over the campaign and penalised people bringing plastic to the Hill. "We initiated the campaign and we don't have the resources to continue it and are busy with summer fire-prevention activities. Rather, the Gram Panchayat must have continued it," Dhanyashree added.

MP to meet DC soon to seek temple funds for renovation

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (BLU& BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha emphasised the potential use of funds held by the Chamundi Temple Management Committee to revitalise heritage temples facing dilapidation. He regretted that the State Govt. has not taken any step so far to renovate and rejuvenate heritage temples that need urgent restoration.

The MP was speaking to reporters during the cleaning drive organised at Sri Kodandaramaswamy Temple on M.G. Road this morning. The temple was cleaned today by BJP workers as part of the major cleaning campaign launched in the run up to the Ram Temple consecration in Ayodhya on Jan. 22.

Pratap Simmha

"There are over 400 historic and sacred temples in Mysuru that need renovation and these temples are an integral part of Mysuru's culture and tradition and held in high reverence by people. Rs. 130 crore is lying with the Chamundi Temple Management Committee and this fund can be utilised to renovate the temples. I have discussed the issue with MLA T.S. Srivatsa and will meet the Deputy Commissioner soon seeking release for funds," Pratap Simmha said.

Damaged electric poles

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The *modus operandi* involves cutting off the strengthening bars or angles, which are crafted from high-grade steel. The stolen parts are then sold in scrap yards for monetary gain.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Mandya CESC Superintending Engineer Somashekar said that there are over 240 electric poles from Mysuru till the Ramanagara border (under CESC jurisdiction) and some of them have been damaged badly as thieves have stolen the stainless-steel angles (metal bars) and clamps fixed on the electric poles. As the angles have been removed, the poles dangerously sway when the wind blows.

Formal handover awaited

"The NHAI has not yet handed over the Expressway electricity system maintenance to CESC. Now after the pole-falling incident, NHAI has written to CESC committing an estimate of Rs. 70 lakh to repair the damaged electricity poles. The letter also mentions that the electricity maintenance will be handed over to CESC after repairs," he said.

Somashekar further said that as per norms, the NHAI has to maintain the Expressway and its associated assets for one year, before handing over the maintenance to other Government agencies. "The handover of electricity properties will happen eventually and we are awaiting approval from the head office to carry out the repairs after NHAI pays money to CESC," he added.

In the past too, CESC has written multiple letters to NHAI asking them to maintain the electricity poles properly as metal thieves have been removing the strengthening bars or angles between the poles.

A narrow escape

The incident last Friday unfolded near Ragimuddanahalli village in Mandya taluk on the service road of the Expressway, where an electric pole fell onto the highway, narrowly avoiding a moving bike. The rider, Suresh, a resident of Ganjam in Srirangapatna, had a narrow escape. Quick assistance from villagers followed, lessening the impact of the accident.

The incident led to a significant traffic jam on the service road. Suresh recounted the harrowing incident, expressing deep gratitude to his parents and to God for his miraculous escape. He highlighted the near-miss scenario, acknowledging that had he arrived just a second earlier, his life might have been in jeopardy.

According to sources, the NHAI has taken measures to address the issue of theft involving NHAI properties. The NHAI has reportedly installed cameras at elevated corridors to monitor incidents of theft, particularly those targeting metal parts. In light of the continued prevalence of such thefts, the NHAI is actively considering relocating these surveillance cameras to other vulnerable spots.

Viveka Study Centre for students preparing for UPSC, KAS, NEET exams

Mysuru, Jan. 14 - For students pursuing various courses and preparing for competitive exams such as UPSC, KAS, NEET etc., Viveka Study Centre, an initiative of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, located in the adjacent premises of the Ashram, provides the facility of study rooms that are tailored for students preparing for competitive exams. For details, contact Mob: 70194-87367/ 94824-19444 or *email: mysuru.vsc@gmail.com*

'A well-equipped art gallery needed for Mysuru'

Mysuru, Jan.14 (RK&TRR)- Founder of Mysore Art Gallery L. Shivalingappa has said that Mysuru city which is nick named as the cultural capital of the state, badly needs a well-equipped art gallery.

He was speaking at an interaction programme with achievers after felicitating senior photographer Anurag Basavaraj under the caption 'Monthly Achiever', organised at Mysore Art Gallery, on Ramanuja road in the city yesterday. The programme was jointly organised by Sri Rajeshwari Vastralankara Ranga Tanda, Kannada Sahitya Kala Koota, Kadamba Ranga Vedike and Sneha Sinchana Trust.

"Though we have Suchitra Art Gallery at Kalamandira, there is no suitable arrangement to exhibit artists creation. It can either be renovated or shifted to a new building. A well-equipped art gallery can be set up at old Heritage building of CAVA college, opposite KR Hospital on Sayyaji Rao Road and use it for Art Exhibitions. It is unfortunate that the Government has not provided a well-equipped art gallery to the city," regretted senior artist L. Shivalingappa.

Mysore District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T.Ravikumar commended organizers for identifying and felicitating hitherto unknown artists and complimented artist L. Shivalingappa for reserving a portion of his own house for the sake of Art.

Photo journalist Anurag Basavaraj was felicitated by Founder of Mysore Art Gallery L. Shivalingappa *(sitting extreme right)****, in the city yesterday, as Secretary of the Gallery Dr. Jamunarani Mirle, Kannada Sahitya Kala Koota President M.Chandrashekar, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar, photo journalist Pragati Gopalakrishna and others look on.***

Kannada Sahitya Kala Koota President M. Chandrashekar, senior Photo-Journalist Pragati Gopalakrishna, journalist Doddanahundi Rajanna, senior Kannada activist Mugur Nanjundaswamy, Mysore Art Gallery Secretary Dr. Jamuna Rani Mirle, convenor Srikantamurthy, Kadamba Ranga Vedike's Rajashekara Kadamba and others participated in the programme. An exhibition of rare wildlife photographs captured by Anurag Basavaraj were exhibited on the occasion.

Online frauds; Rs. 53 lakh lost

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The sixth case concerns M. Meghana, a 23-year-old resident of Bogadi, who was coerced into investing money and completing tasks. She suffered a loss of Rs. 4,03,209 at the hands of online fraudsters. In the seventh case, Manjunath Udupa Jogannanavar, a 30-year-old engineer residing in Aravindanagar, joined a Telegram App group where fraudsters convinced him of earning substantial commissions for completing tasks. He lost Rs. 1.64 lakh in the process.

Finally, the eighth case involves B. Indu, a 42-year-old resident of Kuvempunagar, who was informed that she would receive a significant commission for sending screenshots of Amazon products. She ended up transferring a total of Rs. 2,03,400, only to be deceived.

All these cases have been registered at the city's Cyber Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police Station and investigations are currently underway.

Stock clearance sale with huge discount

Mysuru, Jan. 14- The stock clearance sale of branded garments, which is underway at Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa in Kuvempunagar and Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road, will be open till Jan. 17 between 10 am and 10 pm.

A discount of up to 80 percent is offered on ladies, gents and kids wear. Formals/ casuals shirts, t-shirts, jeans, tops, kurtis, sarees, jackets, undergarments, footwear, accessories, bed sheets are all available at the sale.

Crowds throng markets

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City markets such as Devaraja Market, Vani Vilasa Market and Mandi Market experienced a relatively subdued rush in the morning, with traders anticipating increased activity later in the day. Items like jaggery *(bellada achhu)*, sugar cubes *(sakkare achhu)*, mango leaves, flowers, and fruits associated with the religious, cultural and harvest festival are also in high demand.

Fortunately, the prices for these items have seen only a marginal increase, providing some relief to the shoppers.

Sugarcane stalks are priced between Rs. 30 and Rs. 60, varying based on their length and thickness, while ready-made *yellu-bella* packets are available at Rs. 120 to Rs. 150. Sevanthige flowers are sold at Rs. 50 per meter, avarekai costs Rs. 60 to Rs. 80 per kg, coconut-sized jackfruits are priced at Rs. 60 to Rs. 70 each, and sweet potatoes are being sold at Rs. 30 to Rs. 40 per kilogram. In rural areas, a unique tradition called *'Kicchu Haisuvudu'* involves making cattle leap over fire as part of the Makara Sankranti celebrations. This tradition, set to take place in the evening in various rural locations, including Siddalingapura near Mysuru, sees cattle bathed and adorned before being guided to leap over a fire, symbolically warding off evil and inviting good luck.

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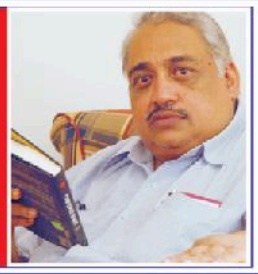
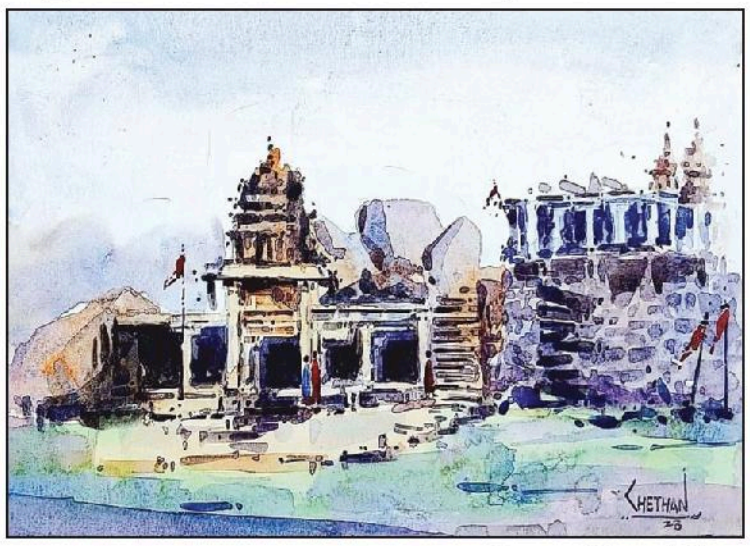
Over a cup of evening Tea

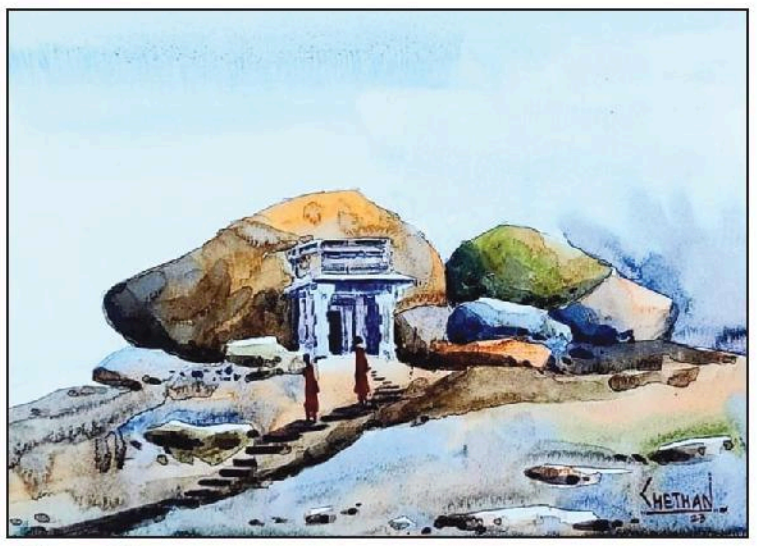
By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD



A Temple Tour, in Watercolour !

Chetan Chukki





Some of the paintings of the artist.

A little more than a week ago, I read in very small print, an announcement in *Star of Mysore* that said an exhibition of watercolour paintings was being held at **Coffee City,** the relatively new gallery café in the Hebbal suburb of our city.

Being a fledgling or more rightly, a struggling, self-taught watercolour painter myself, I decided to visit the place and accompanied by my wife who is my art critic, I spent some time browsing the exhibits there. Although the café itself was full, there were hardly any visitors at the adjoining picture gallery, which was indeed rather sad but not very surprising.

I say this because I have been seeing over the years, that while events like textile or jewellery exhibitions and clearance sales of household goods and garments, offering real and even fake discounts, attract huge jostling crowds, areas like art, culture and literary events take a back seat and they usually have very anaemic attendance. While I feel that this attitude should change, I do not see much change in it, which is what makes it sad.

The solo exhibition was of about fifty watercolour paintings done by a young lad, **Chetan Chukki,** hailing from the nearby temple town of **Talakad,** whose parents, from an agrarian background, are now settled at Anekal, a small town near Bengaluru. Chetan happens to be a final year student of the **Sree Kalanikethana College of Visual Art** in our city. **Perhaps because of his rural background and more importantly because of his origin from Talakad, a temple town of very historic significance, where ancient temples abound, most of the paintings he had displayed at the show were of small temples or their surrounding rural landscapes, depicting very quaint and charming village homesteads, which made them a treat to the eyes.**

None of the paintings featured any large or even famous temples that most of us know about and whose architecture we admire, as being representative of the many dynasties that make up the checkered history of our subcontinent. Except for a few, depicting some of the more well-known edifices that abound at Hampi or the temple town of Melkote, almost all the temples that have found a place in Chetan's paintings, happen to be unknown and unseen but very enchanting structures, scattered across the hidden reaches of our State, hardly accessible to, or visited by mainstream tourists and travellers.

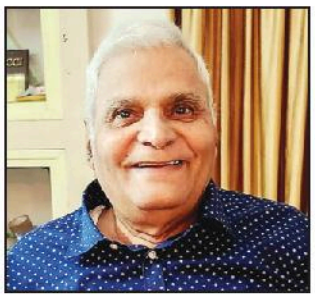
Because it is forlorn and 'lost-to-the-world' places like these which my wife and I love to explore on lazy Sunday mornings, we could immediately feel at home at the tiny art expo and connect with what it showed! I felt that Chetan's forte, apart from his interest in the rural countryside, was the way he had laid his subtle washes in continuous tones, which is the hallmark of the art of watercolour painting and the quality of which makes or mars an artist's work. This is also the most difficult part in watercolour work, where, unlike with other media, there is absolutely no way a painter, however capable, can correct his or her mistakes.

I must admit here that this is the area which is the most difficult to master for any student of watercolour art and sadly the area where I am still rather weak. So, every art show I visit, I treat as a learning experience and thankfully, there was much that I could learn from Chetan's work and style too, in the very short time I spent viewing it!

Another one of his strengths, which you can see from his paintings I've shown here, is that he is a 'minimalist', which means that he has a very good ability to show what he wants to show, with the minimum depiction of details, leaving the discerning viewers' minds to see what their eyes often do not! **This is another attribute of every good artist, which holds good in the field of photography too, where what is left unshown, is often what is conveyed best!**

(Chetan does art assignments too and he can be contacted on Tel: 80955 69980)

An Adieu, to My Jim Corbett!



Last Thursday, I lost one of my best friends, **Peter Bahadur Singh,** a retired Assistant Executive Engineer, who had served a very long innings in the Karnataka Electricity Board. We knew each other over the last thirty-three years, ever since we met when I was serving as a young and newly-married physician at the very remotely located **Holy Cross Hospital** in **Kamagere,** on the edge of what was once considered the dreaded **'Veerappan Territory',** during the heydays of his inglorious exploits.

My friend was then serving in his equally remote post, at the hydroelectric power generating station at Shivasamudram. And, though the lofty Boodagatta Hill and miles of thickly forested and elephant infested terrain separated our two locations, they were no hindrance to our frequent, long, meetings and musings, over endless cups of tea and some crispy fried snacks.

Although he was more than thirteen years older than me, the difference in our ages never once made either of us feel that we could not be the best of friends. And, his age too never made him once feel that he was no longer a boy to be doing the things that he did. That is why on many occasions, after completing his morning walk, he would be found ringing our doorbell, well before dawn and also before we had even unlocked our front gate. And, this he would do most easily, by effortlessly leaping across our compound wall, like a truant schoolboy!

Two fried eggs, sunny side up, and still a little runny, with three slices of crisp toast, followed by a large mugful of hot coffee, served by my wife, would serve as his most favourite breakfast. Having been the son of a forester and an avid hunter in his younger days, when hunting was perfectly legal, he had by the time we met, given up hunting completely and become a passionate conservationist like the legendary Jim Corbett, whose conversion story too was no different.

But he continued to be an 'Armchair Hunter' and an articulate raconteur of hunting stories, all his life, which is what made him a great favourite at gatherings and parties. You just had to ignite the storytelling spark in him and he would forget the present world, taking you decades back and narrating shikar stories as if they had happened yesterday!

Having imbibed by his father's side, the jungle lore that came to him automatically from a very young age, he was a great naturalist too, knowing the ways of all the denizens of the jungle. In addition to being an excellent marksman, he had a phenomenal knowledge of ballistics and guns, including their technical details and was a good repository of information in that field.

A very passionate and devoted family man, he loved to have all his friends and loved ones around him always.

We will all miss him dearly now. May his noble soul rest in peace. Amen!

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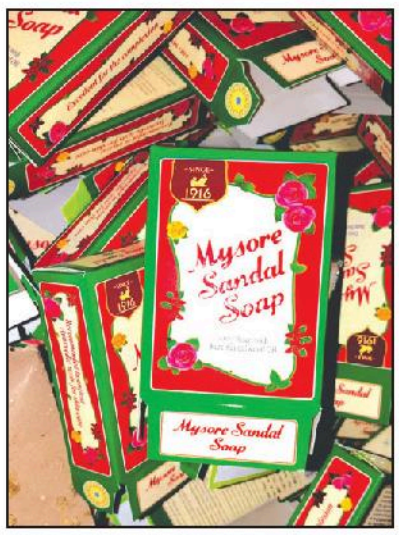
Mysore Sandal Soap fake unit busted in Hyderabad

Counterfeit soaps worth Rs. 2 crore seized; two arrested by Malakpet Police on charges of forgery

Bengaluru, Jan. 14 (KMS& BCT)- In a significant operation, the Malakpet Police in Hyderabad busted a network engaged in the illicit manufacturing and distribution of counterfeit Mysore sandal soap — a popular product endorsed by the Karnataka government. Two persons have been arrested.



Executed in Hyderabad, the operation resulted in the discovery of goods valued at approximately Rs. 2 crore, encompassing fake products and the carton boxes employed for their deceptive packaging.

The alleged masterminds behind this unlawful enterprise, identified as Rakesh Jain and Mahaveer Jain from Hyderabad, have been arrested on charges of forgery. The investigation was triggered by an anonymous tip-off that alerted Industries Minister M.B. Patil, also serving as the president of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL), to the prevalence of bogus Mysore sandal soap in the Hyderabad market.

Swiftly responding to the information, Minister Patil directed Dr. Prashant, the Managing Director of KSDL, to conduct a thorough inquiry. The investigation revealed a collaboration between Rakesh Jain and Mahavir Jain, who were jointly involved in the production of these counterfeit and imitation soaps.

It is noteworthy that, the patent rights for Mysore Sandal soap is owned by the Government of Karnataka through the KSDL. As part of the investigation, the Police executed searches, leading to the discovery of counterfeit products and manufacturing materials valued at approximately Rs. 2 crore.

Further scrutiny by KSDL staff revealed the presence of fake soaps in various areas of Hyderabad. To trace its origin, staff members purchased counterfeit products worth one lakh rupees and initiated an operation to identify the source.

Exploiting the heightened demand during Sankranti festival, they strategically placed an order for soap amounting to Rs. 25 lakh. Posing as transporters, they reached production unit, ultimately unveiling a counterfeit manufacturing unit.

The confiscated items from the operation include 20 carton boxes of 150-gram soaps (totalling 1,800 pieces), 47 carton boxes of 75-gram soaps (9,400 pieces) and 400 empty carton boxes for both 150 gram and 75-gram soap packs. The Police complaint indicates that the counterfeit unit was capable of producing 400 carton boxes.

In a statement, it was revealed, "Fake soaps were distributed in certain areas of Hyderabad. However, there was insufficient information about the suppliers. KSDL staff procured products worth Rs. 5 lakh and conducted authenticity tests, confirming their illegitimacy."

Over 11,000 Pourakarmikas get MCC's benefits worth Rs.17.14 crore

Mysuru, Jan.14 (RK&DM)- Coming to the aid of its Pourakarmikas, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has extended benefits totally worth Rs.17.14 crore to 11,363 Pourakarmikas in a period of 3 years.

MCC Additional Commissioner M.J. Roopa said that under the SC/ST 24.10 percent scheme of the MCC, as many as 11,363 Pourkarmikas have been given benefits in the years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Giving a breakup of the benefits, Roopa said that Rs.7.41 crore provided by the State Finance Commission (SFC) and MCC has been spent under the Scheme for 3,528 SC employees welfare, while Rs.1.49 crore remains unspent. An amount of Rs. 2.93 crore has been spent for welfare of ST employees and Rs. 66.26 lakh remains unspent.

Likewise, Rs. 6.79 Crore provided by the SFC and MCC funds has been spent for the welfare of 6,244 Pourakarmikas, while Rs. 3.28 crore remains unspent. Overall, it can be said that Rs. 17.14 crore of the Rs. 22.55 crore action plan of the MCC has been spent for the welfare of 11,363 Pourakarmikas in the three years, Roopa said adding that the SFC funds and the MCC funds under 24.10 percent scheme meant for SC/ST communities are being spent only for the welfare of Pourakarmikas through benefits and facilities.

Miscreant robs advocate after befriending him on social media

Mysuru, Jan. 14- A miscreant, who befriended an advocate on Facebook has decamped with gold ornaments of the advocate while visiting him at a city lodge.

The advocate, who lost his gold, is 50-year-old C. Gajendra, Vice-President of Bengaluru Bar Association and a resident of Chandra Layout in Bengaluru.

The miscreant, identified as Murali, had befriended Gajendra on Facebook. Murali had told him that he was from Mysuru and was into chit fund business. Murali, who had obtained the mobile phone number of Gajendra, began to call and message him to gain confidence.

On Jan. 10, Gajendra, who had come to Mysuru, had taken a room at a lodge on New Sayyaji Rao Road. He then called Murali to his room, where they consumed liquor and Murali stayed in the room along with Gajendra.

The next day at about 7 am, when Gajendra woke up, he did not find Murali and on checking Gajendra found his gold ornaments weighing about 146 grams and a briefcase containing his clothes missing and lodged a complaint at Mandi Police Station.

Mandi Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Farmers to take out Mahasangama rally at Delhi on Feb. 13

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (BLU&DM)- Seeking fulfilment of farmer demands, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha will take out Mahasangama rally at New Delhi on Feb. 13.

Announcing this at a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here recently, Dakshina Bharat Samyukta Kisan Morcha convener Kurubur Shantakumar said that farmers had staged a year-long stir near New Delhi seeking fulfilment of demands.

Farmers have lost hope in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assurance on meeting the demands. As such, farmer organisations across the country will be taking out Mahasangama rally in the National capital on Feb. 13 to press for fulfilment of demands.

In order to create awareness among the farming community, 14 Kisan Mahapanchayat meetings have been held in different States, he said adding that the Government should enact a Law that guarantees minimum support price for farm produce.

Seminar on Jan. 24 at Bengaluru

Kurubur Shantakumar further said that the Karnataka Jala Samrakshana Samiti will be hosting a seminar on the topic 'The current Media and the Democratic System' at Legislators Home (Shasakara Bhavan) auditorium in Bengaluru on Jan. 24. Former Judges, Social activists and senior Journalists will be taking part in the seminar, he added.

Continuing, Shantakumar wanted the Government to take over Bannari Amman Sugar Factory at Alaganchi coming under Varuna assembly segment, which is represented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, as the factory is blatantly violating permit norms and conditions.

Obituary

Alhaj Syed Arif Hussain

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Alhaj Syed Arif Hussain (91), President of Masjid-e-Ya-Allah at Mohammed Sait Block and Mahboobia Ber Ka Makan at Lashkar Mohalla, passed away yesterday afternoon following brief illness in city. He leaves behind three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Masjid-e-Ya-Allah yesterday at 8.30 pm followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Rajendra Prasad

Rajendra Prasad (67), a LIC agent, Sharadadevinagar Branch and a resident of Telecom Layout in Bogadi, passed away on Friday in city. He had sustained severe head injuries in a road accident two months ago and was undergoing treatment at a hospital, where he succumbed to injuries. Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam on Friday.

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EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 14)

- **Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Mysuru:** 13th anniversary celebrations, Yakshagana 'Narakasura Moksha,' **3 pm;** Stage programme, Kendra President Sridhar Aithal presides, Dr. Sanjay of Rajashekar Hospital and Dr. Narayan Hegde of Apollo Hospital chief guests, Uttara Kannada Jilla Samskrutika Sangha, Gange Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** Monthly meeting to discuss 'How to restructure MGP for better functioning,' MGP Office, 6/1 Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2515150]
- **Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt:** Dhanurmasa Puja, darshan timings, Temple premises, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Nadavidyalaya Academy of Music and Dance, Hebbal:** Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Sunitha Rathish, disciple of Vidu. Mithra Naveen, accompanied by Vidu. Mithra Naveen (Mysuru) on Natuvanga, Vid. Naveen M.S. Andagar (Mysuru) on vocal, Vid. Vivek Krishna (Bengaluru) on flute, Vid. G.S. Nagraj (Bengaluru) on mridanga and G.N. Manjunath of Akashavani, Mysuru, Comperer; Mysore Royal Family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, MLAs G.T. Devegowda and K. Harishgowda, Dr. M.K. Pothraj, President of Arya Edigara Sangha, Mysuru and Chamarajanagar Districts, Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Director and Dean, Mysuru Medical College and Research Institute and Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Artistic Director, Noopura Kalavidaru Trust, Mysuru, guests of honour, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **5 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Rangayana Foundation Day, theatre music programme, B.V. Karantha Ranga Chavadi, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayogananda speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachanaveda,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Kalasandesha Pratishtana:** 'Kalabhivardhana 2024,' 20th annual celebrations, Bharatanatyam dance feature 'Tridevi' by Guru Vidushi Asha Adiga Acharya, noted Bharatanatyam artiste, Chicago, USA and Adithi Acharya, Bharatanatyam artiste and daughter & disciple of Asha Adiga. Natuvanga - Vid. T.S. Sharath, Vocal - Vidu. Vasudha Balakrishna, Mridanga - Vid. S.V. Balakrishna, Veena - Vid. Gopal Venkataramana, Flute - Vid. Nithish Ammannaya and Rhythm Pad - Vid. G. Lakshminarayan (Shivu), **6 pm;** Bharatanatyam dance feature 'Dwadasha Jyotirlinga' by artistes of Kalasandesha Pratishtana and disciples of K. Sandesh Bhargav — Anusha Varun, Harshini Prajwal, Harikrishnan, Dr. Sindhu Prashanth, Shilpa Kantharaju, M.T. Vasundhara, R. Shruthi and Poorvika Chandanam; Artistes of Nrityati Art School and disciples of Anusha Varun — Dr. Poornima Yathiraj, Prarthana, Nityashri, Harshini Iyer, Richadev, Isiri, Shravya and Nivedita; Disciples of M.T. Vasundhara — Sharada and Chandana; Concept - Vidushi Dr. Jyothi Shankar; Choreography - Anusha Varun and Harshini Prajwal; Natuvanga - K. Sandesh Bhargav; Music Composer and Vocal - Vid. Sriharsha; Mridanga - Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy; Veena - Vid. Gopal Venkataramana; Flute - Vid. Nitish Ammannaya; Rhythm Pad - Vinay Kumar Rangadhol, Ganabharathi's Smt. Ramabai Govindarao Rangamandira, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru and Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum:** 'Mysuru Sankranti Ranga Habba,' staging of play 'Kakanakote' by Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra, Rangayana, Mysuru, written by Masti Venkatesha Iyengar and directed by S. Ramanath, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Kakanakote,' written by Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, directed by S. Ramanath, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Shala Ranga - Ananda mattu Arivina Rangapayana' by Nirdigantha led by actor Prakash Raj, directed by Dr. Sripad Bhat, music by Anush Shetty and Munna, Art by Khaju Guttala, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 15)

- **Gandhadagudi Foundation and Devaraja Traffic Police Station:** Sankranti Festival celebrations - Traffic awareness programme by distributing *Yellu-Bella* and roses to those violating traffic rules, actor-producer Taranga Vishwa, RJ Sunil, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP-Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, ACP Parashuramappa, Inspector Mamatha, Gandhadagudi Foundation State President Aryan Gandhadagudi will be present, K.R. Circle, **10.30 am to 11.30 am.**
- **Sankranti festival:** 11th edition of Mass Gau Puja (puja to cows) and cattle feeding, near Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **11 am.**
- **Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, Mysuru:** Exhibition Cricket Match by veterans - sponsored by Mrs. & Mr. Palandira K. Somanna, **2 pm;** Valedictory of Kannambira N. Girish Kushalappa Memorial Inter-Kodava Association Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament for Mysuru Kodavas and Veterans Cricket Match, Palandira K. Somanna, President - Sri Bhagavathi Kodava Souhardha Sahakari Niyamitha Sangha, Mysuru, chief guest, Ponjanda A. Ganapathy, President, Kodava Samaja, Mysuru and Kannambira Neeta Kushalappa, wife of late Kannambira N. Girish Kushalappa, sponsor of Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament, guests of honour, Kuttimada D. Muthappa, President, Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, Mysuru, presides, University Hostel Ground, Manasagangothri, **3.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru and Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum:** 'Mysuru Sankranti Ranga Habba,' staging of play 'Kanviveya Hadu' by Natana, Mysuru, translated by Dr. Meera Murthy from Athol Fugard's work, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS ON TUESDAY (JAN. 16)

- **Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Mysuru, Vidyavardhaka First Grade College and PG Centre, Seshadri Iyer Road, Mysuru:** National Youth Day celebrations commemorating 161st birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, CA Basavarajendra main speaker, Vidyavardhaka First Grade College Principal Dr. S. Marigowda presides, Vidyavardhaka First Grade College PG Centre Head Dr. S. Poornima and Prof. D. Pallavi of Vidyavardhaka First Grade College will be present, Sri P.M. Chikkaboraiah auditorium, College premises, **11 am.**
- **University of Mysore, Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), Mysore School of Architecture and Water Forum Mysore:** 'Water for Kukkarahalli Kere - Restoration of Purnaiah Nala, The Rajakaluve,' workshop to understand the present status and future potential of the lake, National Green Tribunal State Committee Chairman Justice Subhash B. Adi, Yaduveer Wadiyar of Mysore Royal Family, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, water expert Prof. U.N. Ravikumar and others will take part, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **4 pm to 6 pm.**
- **SPVGMC Trust:** Grand Violin Duet Concert by Vid. Ganesh and Vid. Kumaresh, accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga, Vid. Sundar Kumar on kanjira, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.** [Mob: 98455-01178]
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru and Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum:** 'Mysuru Sankranti Ranga Habba,' staging of play 'C-Ward Cancer Kathanakagalu' by Parivarthana Ranga Samaja, Mysuru, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Mysuru Literary Fest on Jan. 21

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Mysuru Literary Association has organised Mysuru Literary Fest at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall in city on Jan. 21.

10.30 am: Translator and writer Dr. B. Nanjamma Chinnappa will inaugurate the Literary Fest. Former Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi Central University (Arunachal Pradesh) Prof. K.C. Belliappa will preside.

11.30 am: Novelist Prof. Tomas Modesto Galan will interact with Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash; **12.30 pm:** Film and cultural critic Prof. N. Manu Chakravarthy will speak on the topic 'Reading Literature: Encountering The Spirit of The Times'; **2.30 pm:** Sociologist Prof. R. Indira will speak on 'Environmental Tourism in Western Ghats: Profit and Loss for Who'; **3.30 pm:** Sculptor, painter and poet Anuradha Nalapat will speak on the topic 'Homunculus (Little Man) and The Art of Yo-Yoing.'

Plea to rename 'Mysuru Fest' as 'Mysuru Habba'

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (GA&KS)- Kannada Kriya Samiti has submitted a memorandum to the Joint Director of Tourism Department urging to change 'Mysuru Fest' to 'Mysuru Habba' and give prominence to Kannada.

Samiti office-bearers, who met Tourism Joint Director M.K. Savitha, who is also the Manager of 'Mysuru Fest' on Friday, submitted a memorandum and demanded prominence be given to Kannada in the advertisements, name boards, publicity materials which will be displayed during 'Mysuru Fest' to be held at the Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, on Jan. 26. They said that 60 percent of the space in the name board should be reserved for Kannada first and then in English, as per the rules of the State Government.

Urging the Tourism Department to give prominence to Kannada in the logo design, they said that a major portion of the logo space has been given to English, while Kannada has been restricted to a minimum and added that 'Mysuru Fest, should be changed to 'Mysuru Habba.'

Samiti President M.G. Sadanandaiah, G. Prakash, Manasa, S.R. Sudarshan, Siddappa, K.S. Narasimhamurthy and others were present.

College students enact street play on social issues

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (SBD&DM)- The students of Chayadevi B.Ed College, Pensioners Block, Rajendranagar in city, celebrated the National Youth Day marking the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, in a purposeful manner by performing street plays themed on issues that are bothering the society, at Dufferin Clock tower *(Chikka Gadiyara)* in front of the southern entrance of Devaraja Market in the heart of the city on Friday.

The students in three teams — named as Swami Vivekananda, APJ Abdul Kalam and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar — enacted the plays focusing mainly on drug addiction among the youth and student fraternity, the discarding of aged parents and the disastrous effects of excessive use of mobile phones, especially by youth.

Earlier, Devaraja Police Inspector B. Shivakumar inaugurated the street plays. Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted the role of youths in the well-being of the society.

College Principal Dr. C. Anthony Paul Raj, Professors Suma, Rekha, Pallavi, Pooja, Pampateertha, N. Tejaswi & Balaram, Programme Co-ordinator & Assistant Professor G.R. Umesh, and others were present.

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	(S-4)	1 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.25 pm
Kaatera (K)	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 7 pm, 10.25 pm
	(S-4)	9.35 am
Ayalaan (Ta)	(S-2)	10 am, 4.05 pm
Merry Christmas (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Captain Miller (K)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 1 pm, 10.20 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Hanuman (Te)	(S-3)	4.05 pm, 7.10 pm

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Captain Miller (Ta)	:	10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 6.45 pm
Captain Miller (K)	:	3.45 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	10.00 am, 1.20 pm
		7.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Merry Christmas (H)	:	10.00 am, 4.00 pm
Merry Christmas (Ta)	:	6.45 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	12.50 pm, 3.50 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	12.50 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	9.30 pm

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		7.10 pm, 10:30 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	11.45 am, 12.10 pm, 3.20 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	3.35 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	12.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.05 pm
Captain Miller (K)	:	3.35 pm
Merry Christmas (H)	:	3.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	:	7.05 pm

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Merry Christmas (H)	:	9.10 am, 3.50 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	11.45 am, 3.30 pm, 10:00 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	12.15 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.40 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.20 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.20 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	3.00 pm, 10.30 pm

Five-day Mysuru Sankranti Theatre Fest begins in city

Theatre in Mysuru is open to new experiments which is mind-blowing, says theatre, film director B. Suresh

Theatre and film director B. Suresh, seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate 'Mysuru Sankranti Rangahabba' at Rangayana premises here yesterday as Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Matapati and others look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (MK&BS)- The five-day Mysuru Sankranti Ranga Habba (Theatre Fest), organised by Zilla Havyasi Rangakarmigala Vedike (Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum) began at Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, in city yesterday.

Theatre and film director B. Suresh, who inaugurated the fest said, "Bringing all amateur theatre artistes together is a matter of immense joy. The blend of professionals in Rangayana and amateur artistes creates a wonder in the form of *Sankranti Ranga Habba.*"

The theatre in Mysuru is open to several new experiments and with due encouragement from theatre lovers, which is mind-blowing. With the professionals in theatre mixing with amateurs, the theatre activities will be further strengthened and new and rare experiments will be possible, observed Suresh.

> **"Like we say, during the time of *Kedu* (bad), we should stage a play on relevant topic and so also pen poetry on the same lines, it has become inevitable to remind through theatre again that 'people means nation', at a time when it is being said 'temple means nation,' ignoring that people form the nation."**
>
> —B. Suresh, Theatre and Film Director

A scene from the play
Soole Sanyasi.

The theatre fest began with the staging of the play *Soole Sanyasi,* with K.V. Subbanna as a playwright and Manjunath Badiger as director. The artistes of Abhiyentararu Troupe enacted the play.

The play revolves around the exchange of souls, creating a new wave at Bhoomigeetha which was brimming with audience. With a mix of comedy and *viraha* (feeling of separation) the play captivated the mood of the audience who reciprocated with whistles and applause, lauding the artistes.

Deputy Director of Rangayana Nirmala Mathapati, President of Zilla Havyasi Rangakarmigala Vedike H.S. Suresh Babu, Secretary Dr. Kumaraswamy, Convener of Mysuru Sankranti Ranga Habba M.P. Haridatta, artistes Mime Ramesh, Shivaji Rao Jadav, Rajashekar Kadamba and others were present on the occasion.

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	(S-3)	8.50 am
Merry Christmas (H)	(S-2)	8.55 am; (S-3) 7.05 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	(S-3)	12.25 pm, 10.10 pm
Captain Miller (K)	(S-3)	3.45 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	(S-2)	3.30 pm; (S-4) 6.40 pm
Gunturu Kaaram (Te)	(S-1)	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		7 pm, 10.20 pm
Saindhav (Te)	(S-4)	9.10 am, 3.35 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	(S-4)	12.10 pm, 10.00 pm

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Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.10 pm, 3.30 pm
		4.05 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	9 am, 3.40 pm
Captain Miller (K)	:	12.20 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	9.00 am, 7.00 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	9.05 am, 3.20 pm, 10:00 pm
Saindhav (Te)	:	12.20 pm, 7.00 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
Merry Christmas (Ta)	:	10.30 pm

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